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To: the FDA, U.S. Government
Re: Dockets **98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197**

The FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens. The extreme measures taken to produce one more egg-laying session from these battered birds weakens their immune system contributing to infectious diseases in hens and **eggs** jeopardizing the health of the American consumer. Cruelty and contamination are partners in this practice.

The FDA was petitioned in April of 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay, especially in light of the recent CDC findings of 76 million cases of food poisoning in the United States.

A concerned consumer,

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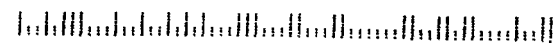
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